

gun with wide scatter-pattern; birds are 'caught' by pellets of lead." Game Wardens, he says, are stumped by this robin-killing, as growers feel they must protect their brief crop. . . .

Selah Lester (E. Hampton, L. I.) "Had a little over 2000 birds for the year." (meaning calendar yr. 1948???) "Bird found dead 10/18/48, Huntington, L. I. 39-255125 was Towhee banded by me 9/29/48. (Mr. Gill had inquired in EBBANUS.)

Irl Rogers (Modesto, Cal.) on May 2, '48 banded just 500 Cedar Waxwings! ("Could have banded many more, but sick and tired"). Uses 3 Modesto Funnel traps. . . Near a raisin factory where refuse dumped out for weeks serves as bait. . . Rogers' season record must be a wonder. Let's have it, Irl, together with any useful data on Waxwings, which few banders band.

When you write in records or other data, specify exactly the months covered. This is an editor's prayer to all of you. (N. Y. State demands Reports Feb. 1).

Merrill Wood: "Barn Owl, nestling, banded at State College, Pa. 6/22/48, shot in Eudora, Ark. 11/7/48—about 60 days after it left its tower nest."

SIMPLE SANDPIPER TRAP—It is made of one-inch-mesh poultry wire, one foot wide; fish netting stretched over the top. The compartment is circular, two feet in diameter. A "door" eight inches high and seven wide is made with a T-shaped cut, the ends bent back in the

form of acute angles. Lengths of poultry wire about six feet long are attached to the outside of the trap at the side of the "door". Such a trap takes up little room to transport, and it is very light.—W. M. Davidson, 1504 Bodell St., Orlando, Florida.

The case comes up of those advertised Sparrow Traps (including "Dodson's Famous Sparrow Trap" recently advertised in Nature Mag.) in the hands of the public for "eliminating sparrows"—no species specified! \$16.50 f. o. b. It is likely many native species are caught and killed. Any reader know of such case or cases? Write EBBANUS ED. And why not write Nature Mag. protesting such ads? Above all, why not all of us write to Fish & Wildlife Commission, (Patuxent and/or Washington) inquiring HOW ABOUT IT?—Don't such traps have to be handled by licensed Banders? Member Dr. Paul H. Fluck, M. D., Lambertville, N. J., writes that he has (recently, I assume) caught in sparrow Traps only 11 English, but over 200 Whitethroat Sparrows. Editor shudders to imagine what general public must be doing to a lot of the wild American sparrow tribe with those traps; not distinguishing our wild species from the English breed! Let's all write F & W L Service!

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